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ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF
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 An Adjourned MEETING of the Members will
 at the Society's Office, Tatterton's chambers, THE
 WILMINGTON, Delaware, on 5th of March.

To consider of and report on the matter
 in the name of Mr. Harvey, Esq., a
 Member, that the number of Vice-presidents
 be increased to 15.

F. WILKINSON, Secretary.
 Tatterton's chambers,
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Sydney, February 28, 1866.

AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, N. W.
 The following is the notice of the meeting of
 the above Association THIS EVENING, at 6 P.
 M., at the Hall, on the subject of Vice-presidents.
 Mr. J. Longstrech.

H. A. PROUDFOOT, Ho-
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THE Annual General MEETING of the
BOODY FOOTBALL UNION will be held at
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 A Report of the General, as notified.

A Special General MEETING will be held im-
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the question of protection as against freetrade of "Housekeeper." the inquiries of our strong on that date to commence that

question of protection against freetrade to the abolition of the public at large, whose votes may be given against the Ministry. If in such circumstances the Cabinet should carry on business, it must do so only as an executive committee, without either the sanction or the assent of the country. On the contrary, it elect to resign, it may have to do so against the will of a clear majority of Parliament, and under ordinary political conditions. The situation is, therefore, more complicated when it involves the question of a dispute, not between

of "Housekeeper," the inquiries of our representative, reported in another part of this issue, make it very plain that, whenever there has been a reduction in Customs duties upon ordinary articles of domestic use, the fault must lie with the purchaser if he has not taken advantage of the opportunity. The method followed is precisely that stated by "Housekeeper": "one current price list has been changed with a list of some months ago. The result of the comparison has established the reduction." It is startling from this demonstration, could not but come about by competition.

strong on that date to commence the journey he has deferred his departure till the 22nd April, when he will embark on board the "Hesperus."

THE TRIAL OF CAUSE—It was concluded, when the sittings for the trial of Cause No. 1 were closed, that there would be little difficulty in clearing off the three courts by the 24th of the month. The day of the sitting of the courts was, numerically, small; but since the opening day of the trial had been added, and, though strong progress had been made, it was not yet done in No. 1 and 2 has been seriously impeded by two matters which are now in their course.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—Yesterday his Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Captain Stans- Stanley, A.D.C., came down to Sydney from Moss Vale, and in the morning presided at the weekly

The Premier has promised us some instalments of law reform, and something in relation to certain obsolete processes of law. Mr. Reid has always been in favour of law reform, as well as of

cheaper law and simpler procedure. The subject is one to which he has given considerable attention, and the public has faith in his desire and capacity to deal with it.

The letter of "Housekeeper" relative to the prices of household commodities and the effect of recent Customs alterations raises a question

of great and general interest. The assertion is that notwithstanding the remissions of duties no difference is noticeable in the prices quoted in trade circulars on the coast hills. Even if it were not

day, Captain Stanley returned to Moss Vale from his Southern trip last Tuesday. He spent about a week at Holart with his Excellency Lord Gormanston, and, after a few days at Lismore, went to Melbourne for a fortnight as the guest of Lord Rosse. News has been received that during the eight years he had been connected with the Water and Sewerage Board he had some most important works carried out. In his capacity as president he had been assisted by his colleagues with cordiality and zeal, and his efforts to do his

SHIPPING COMPANIES' HARBOUR EXEMPTIONS.—The international steamship companies' rights were commenced last night with an exemption vessel that, having a light draught, was able to

chaser the cost of that article in the open market. The operation of business does not always immediately lower the selling price of the commodity to the extent of the duty, but the play of

THE COWRA ELEPHANT.—Several more candidates are announced for the vacant electorate of Cowra. Mr. M. T. Phillips, a local candidate, has been asked to stand in the protectionist interest. Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald is also in the field on the protectionist side. The central spot of the harbour to be better appreciated. The pleasure of the excursion was further enhanced by a number of musical sessions rendered by Truda's Band. A cricket match will be played on Thursday in connection with the excursion.

year with the newly-published price-lists from the same grocer, and also with this year's monthly and weekly accounts. The prices in every case are identically the same. There is not a single farthing

reduction in anything." If our correspondent has diligently compared the schedules item by item, and finds that the price now paid is identically the same as that of last year, the remedy seems to be a

THE RUSH FOR LAND.—The Minister for Lands (Mr. J. H. Carruthers) says that comment has been made to the effect that many settlement holders of last year's land selling season had a change in the grocer. Our representative who yesterday made careful inquiries into the matter reports that in every case in groceries where the duty has been remitted the owner was one of the beneficiaries, and that to combine the two duties and to have the duty remitted was not a possibility. Mr. Carruthers is mentioned as possible candidates in the interests of labour.

It is not difficult to understand how a domestic critic might come to the opinion that the much-talked-about reductions in

price of food or clothing has not been
tuted so as to ensure everything possible being
to have full inquiry by the local land boards
when the applications came up for confirmation.
Mr. Carruthers says there is no doubt in his mind
that attempts are still being made to exploit our
Coast lands by the professional dunnery and
on Friday. On the last-named day the sale will
include the objects d'art, bronzes, and the
collected by Mrs. George King. The daily
attraction of these impending sales drew a mass
of connoisseurs to the William-street window

others. The time when the practices of these men can be exposed is when the land boards sit to deal with their applications. Instructions have long since been issued to the district surveyors to watch closely for cases, and to have full evidence

a comparison were made between the prices of these commodities now and some months ago, it might give support to what "Housekeeper" says. But all these classes would be found to

embrance only a limited number of articles out of the whole list of household supplies. And with regard to the remaining commodities, it could be said that the readjustments of business

to the new tariff need time. Sticks which had paid the old duty would probably, except in cut lines, still bear their proportion of Customs taxation until they were exhausted. Various goods of small weight to the department will be gladly received in the interests of justice. As to people taking up land who already own full areas, the Minister says that unfortunately an attempt has been made to do this, but the Landlord and Land Court in Hong Kong, once re-

But if it should be found that a number of articles of every day use

number of articles for everyday use and consumption have not immediately been reduced in price equal to the remission of Customs duties, even that fact would not justify the assertion that the public had gained

assertion that the public had respect no benefit from freetrade. The Ditts tariff did not appear to produce its full effect upon the trade of this colony, because the time during which it was

in force was contemporaneous with a period of world-wide shrinkage in values. The continued reduction in the cost of manufactured goods by reason of cheaper raw materials and three days later. The *Eudymion* arrived at Albany on Saturday last, and was to leave there yesterday for Sydney. She brings relief crews for the ships *Royalist*, *Penguin*, and *Goldfinch*, and will take home the time-expired crews, and will all have interest for the visitor.

CHURCH RINGING.—On Sunday evening last the St. Mark's Society of Change Rings sang at Darling Point "A Hymn of Gratitude Mine," the music, according to the following:—J. Pope (3), M.A.

labour disguised the ordinary influence of the tariff, without which imports would have been cheaper. That period of low values seems to have passed away. Just as a few years ago there was a shrink-

age in prices by which we were both losers and gainers—losers by the lowered prices of our exports, gainers by the lowered cost of our imports—so now, when there is an upward market, we

are still gainers and losers, for our exports sell for more money and our imports cost more money. As is well known, the long-continued slump in the world's market to check which all sorts of

of artificial measures have been recommended, has been checked without recourse to legislation. Prices of products have tended and are still tending upwards. The cereal market has been changed by

The meat market has been caught up by the increased price of iron. Cottons are dearer, and manufacture is brisk. It is a source of comfort to all the colonies that at least the wool market is steady.

MAIL STRAYERS.—The *Optimist*, in the Orient line, passed Cape Horn last night with the English mail to the 14th ultimo. She will reach Adelaide early this morning, and the mails will be forwarded by the afternoon express, reaching here by Friday. The *Misawa*, in the Canadian

were taxed under the Dittus tariff and are untaxed under the Reid tariff do not show a fall corresponding to the relief afforded at the Customs. But it would be ignorance to

assert that the remission of duties has had no effect. If we had retained our ten per cent. ad valorem or our specific duties we should now be paying that sum, and the retail prices of all the articles affected by the

rise in values—woollen fabric, leather and hides, metal work, cottons, and so on—would be much more than they now are. In other words, the community saves the full amount of the duty, and

sometimes more. Competition immediately pulls down the price of articles the duty on which has been remitted to the extent of the duty, or else it keeps the local selling

Queensland Meat Export Company, the Western Wimmera District of Victoria Meat Export Company, the Portland Freezing Company, Geddes, Birt, and Co., Limited, the Pastoral Finance Association, the Bowen Works Queens-
 land, the Shillington and Freezing

A PROPOSED LONDON-AUSTRALIAN COM-
 correspondent signing himself "A Young Aus-
 tralian," writes as follows to the *Post* and
Gazette:—"Will you allow me space in your
 columns to make a suggestion with reference to
 the duties on meat?"

price at the old level when they buying price abroad has advanced. In either way the public gains the advantage of the remission of Customs charges.

These considerations must be kept

in mind an estimate of the changes which the alteration of our tariff has produced. They explain away a number of the apparent difficulties by which our correspondent has been struck.

that it was absolutely necessary for the proper development of the trade, that a combination should be formed; and a committee was appointed to formulate a scheme to carry that object into effect, and report at an adjourned meeting.

direct in secondarily than any other influence upon Greater Britain than any other influence upon that end. The advantages of such a system both to England and Australia, would be incalculable. It would be the means of bringing young Australians in London together with

and they show that whether the prices of commodities have undergone a cheapening or not the effect of freetrade is uniformly to give the purchaser cheaper goods. It fortunately for the swarming assemblage

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT.

THE UPPER NILE EXPEDITION.

MASSING OF DERIVERS.

A SERIOUS MOVEMENT.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A POSSIBLE DANGER TO THE PEACE OF EUROPE.

RECONQUEST OF THE SOUDAN TO BE OPPOSED.

ASSURANCES BY THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, MARCH 16.

In the House of Commons this evening the Government was questioned in reference to the expedition against the dervishes in the valley of the Upper Nile.

Mr. G. N. Curzon, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated that the dervishes were massing at Dongola, and threatened the Marat Wells, Tokar, and Kassala, presenting a serious movement. The advance of the expedition, he added, would help Italy and safeguard Egypt.

The Emperor William stated that Germany only recognised the British protectorate in Egypt so long as the garrison remained at Cairo.

The Egyptian Government has made a request for a grant of £500,000 from the Egyptian reserve fund to defray the cost of the Expedition to the Upper Nile.

The French newspapers repeat the demand.

A camel corps, with a battery of Maxim guns, is leaving for Dongola.

Two steamers are being despatched to Wady Halfa loaded with material for extending the Sarnas railway line to Akasha.

The entire force comprising the Expedition is to assemble at Dongola on 1st April.

It is expected that Brigadier-General Sir Herbert H. Kitchener, C.M.G., the Commander of the Egyptian Army, will have the chief command of the Expedition. Brereton, Colonel H. M. L. Russell, R.A., will command the second division of the force, and Captain G. H. Hunter the third division.

The Khedive, Abbas Pasha, is greatly interested in the Expedition.

In the course of the discussion which arose in the House of Commons last night upon the expedition to the Upper Nile, Mr. G. N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, admitted that there were influences at work in Africa which might possibly prove a danger to the peace of Europe.

Sir William Harcourt, who was leader of the House in the late Government, said that he would not offer any opposition to the expedition if it was limited to the averting of immediate danger. If, however, it was the initiation of a general offensive to reconquer the Soudan the Opposition would steadfastly resist the movement.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, said that it was not likely that any Power would offer any objection to the expedition. It was not intended that the troops should enter Darfur. There was a profound national sympathy with Italy over her late defeat in Abyssinia. The Soudan, Mr. Balfour added, was under the worst form of rule in the world, and it was impossible to conceive a more beneficial change than that which would result from its transfer to British influence.

The Times this morning approves of a gradual forward policy with regard to the Soudan.

The St. Petersburg journal *Norov* contains an article implying that the expedition is intended to effect the conquest of the Soudan, and says that the result will be to postpone a settlement of the Egyptian question for an indefinite period.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE LEAGUE.

VISIT OF MR. LOWLES, M.P., TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, MARCH 17.

Mr. John Lowles, the Conservative member for Haggerston, who is about to visit Australia, with the view of supporting the objects of the British Empire League, will leave London shortly in the P. & O. Company's R.M.S. Victoria.

He will be the bearer of a letter from Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the question of the development of trade between England and the colonies, and embodying a suggestion that the Premiers of the Australian colonies should jointly submit a scheme justifying the demand for the abrogation of the Belgian and German commercial treaties.

ENGLAND AND VENEZUELA.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, MARCH 16.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons this evening, Mr. G. N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, stated that President Cleveland's proposals with regard to the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela had been received by Her Majesty's Government, and were at present under consideration.

GREAT BRITAIN AND ITALY.

THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE AND KING HUMBERT.

LONDON, MARCH 17.

The Duke of Cambridge, late Commander-in-Chief of the British army, who accompanied Her Majesty the Queen on her visit to Nice, has had an audience of King Humbert of Italy, who is at present on a visit to Nice.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE HERALD'S LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE REVOLT IN CUBA.

A SERIOUS MISTAKE.

SPANISH SOLDIERS FIRED UPON AS REBELS.

LONDON, MARCH 16.

A serious incident in connection with the rebellion in Cuba is reported from Havana.

A Spanish battalion on the march was mistaken for a body of rebels by another Spanish commander, who ordered his men to fire upon them.

Twelve men were killed and 31 wounded before the mistake was discovered. Several officers were among the killed and wounded.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION OF GUNPOWDER.

A BRITISH STEAMER DESTROYED.

FORTY LIVES LOST.

LONDON, MARCH 17.

News from West Africa state that a disastrous explosion has taken place on board the British steamer *Matadi*, which had a cargo of gunpowder.

The steamer was completely destroyed, and 40 of those on board were either killed or drowned. The officers were saved.

The explosion took place at Bonga, situated on the right bank of the Congo, and near the mouth of the river.

ITALY AND ABYSSINIA.

KING MENELEK DECORATED.

LONDON, MARCH 16.

The Czar of Russia has conferred a decoration upon King Menelek of Abyssinia.

The Marquis di Rudini, the Italian Premier, states that the Convention proposed by King Menelek allowing the Italian troops in Adigrat to evacuate that place with the honours of war, but stipulating for the recognition by the Italians of the independence of the Tigre district, does not affect future events.

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Silver is quoted at 2s 7 1/2d per ounce standard.

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The shares which were offered for public subscription in the White Gold Mining Company, Western Australia, have been allotted.

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The following stock has been sold in London, with 10,000 cases fruit.

LATE SHIPPING.

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VICTORIA.

(BY TELEGRAPH.) (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLIED UNWORTHY SHIPS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The board appointed to inquire into the charges concerning the alleged unworthiness of certain vessels sailing out of Melbourne to-day at the Custom-house, Sir Henry Wilson, the president, occupied the chair. Messrs. Shuter, P.M., and Nicholson, P.M., were present.

Mr. Ebbeworth, who appeared to conduct the inquiry on behalf of Mr. Shuter, and the charges could be divided roughly into four heads, viz.:—1. That unworthy ships were sent to sea from Melbourne. 2. That shipping inspectors and surveyors did not carry out their duties properly. 3. That the Marine Board did not exercise proper supervision. 4. That proper accommodation was not provided for seamen.

Mr. Ebbeworth then called evidence in the first charge, viz., that on or about 23rd January, 1896, the s.s. *Woodward* was allowed to leave the port in a unsafe condition, the boilers being leaking, and coal bunkers' frames, &c., badly shaken away with rust.

William Paton, boiler-maker and iron ship builder, said that there were many places where a person could stamp his foot through the deck plates. The plate was not one-sixteenth of an inch thick in many places. When he went below he found the divers' port stays were completely eaten through with rust, as also the angle bars, so that he could pick them out with his hand. The bunkers' stays were so rotten that the boilers were likely to fall down and injure the men working in the stokehold. The ship was the most unworthy he ever saw leave the harbour. He would call for a floating crane to take the boiler out, and he would have it examined. The inquiry was adjourned till next day.

The Irish section of the community kept the boats for the day, and the festival proved a gratifying success. A procession was held in the morning, a sports gathering in the afternoon, and a large number of people were present.

The forty-first annual meeting of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows commenced its session to-day. The report of the committee for the year ending 31st December, 1895, was read, and showed a surplus of £10,095, and gave the total value of the lodge funds at the 31st January last as £1,275,000.

In the Criminal Court the Chief Justice passed a sentence of four years' hard labour and two months' imprisonment upon Robert Malpas, who was convicted of a gross case of assault and robbery.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

SOUTHERN COAL TRADE.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

The shipments of coal from Wollongong during last week amounted to 2870 tons, the vessels being chiefly for Sydney. Large shipments of Port Kembla timber 2500 tons, the *Craigie* taking 1200 tons to Adelaide, the *Glebe* 900 tons to Melbourne, and the *Island* going to Sydney. The quantity sent from Belconnen amounted to 2515 tons. In each of these figures a decrease is noticeable. The quantity sent to Sydney was 1200 tons, the *South Linn* which took 1200 tons, and the *Island* which took 1200 tons, and in one or two instances the mines have been almost entirely idle for the week.

CENTENARY OF ILLAWARRA.

WOLLONGONG, Tuesday.

The movement in connection with the celebration of the centenary of Illawarra is receiving considerable support. The business people have donated a large amount of money, and the public have responded liberally. It is expected that the celebration will be a grand success.

METHUEN UNION.

LITHGOW, Tuesday.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School was celebrated on Sunday last at Lithgow. A large number of people were present, and the services were of a most interesting character.

THE LAND AND INCOME TAXATION.

A PROTEST FROM ORANGE.

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A meeting was held last night in the Upper Avenue, Mr. W. H. Howard, M.P., presiding. The meeting was held in connection with the proposed changes in the land and income taxation, and a protest was made against the proposed changes.

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TYRONE IN THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT.

WEST MOUNTAIN, Tuesday.

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